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In reply refer to:
FHWA 041213K

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RE: DETERMINATIONS OF ELIGIBILITY FOR THE COMMERCIAL VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT
FACILITY (CVEF) PROJECT, TECATE, SAN DIEGO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA.

Dear Ms. Dominici:

Pursuant to Stipulation VIII.C.5 of the *Programmatic Agreement among the Federal Highway Administration, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, the California State Historic Preservation Officer, and the California Department of Transportation Regarding Compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, as it Pertains to the Administration of the Federal-Aid Highway Program in California* (PA), Caltrans is submitting to me for comment determinations of National Register of Historic Places eligibility for the properties within the APE for the subject undertaking.

Your submittal included the following studies:

- *Historic Property Survey Report for the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Facility (CVEF) Project, San Diego County, California* (Dominici 2004)
- *Archaeological Survey Report and Historic Resource Evaluation Report for the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Facility (CVEF) Project, San Diego County, California* (Dominici and Tordoff 2004)
- *Extended Phase I and Phase II Investigations at the Old Tecate Border Crossing, CA-SDI-16798, San Diego County, California* (Tordoff 2004)
- *Archaeological and Historical Archival Study for the Proposed New Port of Entry, Tecate, San Diego County, California* (Wormer and Robbins-Wade 1996)
- *Historic Architectural Survey Report for the Proposed Route 188 Improvement Project, Tecate, San Diego County, California* (Clement 1993)
- *Negative Archaeological Survey Report for 11-SD-188, PM 0:0/0.2; EA 11105-02170K* (Rosen 1993)

I understand that Caltrans has determined the following properties to be ineligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places: **433 Tecate Road and CA-SDI-16798**. As support for your determination, Dominici (2004) indicates that,

"433 Tecate Road, originally built as a service station in 1948, has since been used for other business purposes. An addition on the adobe structure was built about 1960, and the gas pumps have been removed... The property appears ineligible for either the National Register or the California Register because it lacks significance as an individual property under any of the appropriate criteria, and does not appear to be part of a potential historic district."

"CA-SDI-16,798 – the Old Tecate Border Crossing, was determined not be eligible under Criterion D because the archaeological information from the site does not appear capable of addressing the research issues developed for this project, nor have new issues become evident during the course of Caltrans investigations...discrete deposits associated with known occupations, which could be correlated to specific time periods, could not be found at the site. Instead, findings were mixed deposits from later time periods (1920s-1930s) outside the relevant research domains, and these deposits were not sufficiently informative to suggest further investigation would result in the recovery of data important in history."

Based on the information you submitted, I concur with Caltrans' determination that 433 Tecate and CA-SDI-16,798 are not eligible for the National Register under Criteria A, B, C and D.

Thank you for consulting with me. The documentation supporting your findings was thorough and useful and the information presented clearly demonstrated that this undertaking conforms to the requirements of the PA. If you have any questions, please contact Blossom Hamusek, Staff Archaeologist, at (916) 651-6956) or at bhamu@ohp.parks.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Milford Wayne Donaldson" followed by a stylized flourish.

Milford Wayne Donaldson, FAIA
State Historic Preservation Officer